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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Personnel Support for NIE 11-3/8-82

1. In order to meet our projected NFIB review date of November 1982 for this year's Estimate on Soviet strategic force capabilities we would like now to begin selection of the management and drafting team. It has been two years since DIA has chaired the interagency production effort for NIE 11-3/8 and I propose that [] (DIA/DI-5) be designated as manager for NIE 11-3/8-82. [] will conclude his two-year rotational assignment from DIA as an Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs in early August. Since he is presently in-place at CIA Headquarters, and has been involved extensively in the NIE production process for the past two years, I believe his appointment as NIE manager would be mutually beneficial and minimally disruptive to all concerned. I expect that [] would be available for reassignment to DIA in January 1983 at the latest. We would continue to reimburse DIA for his services.

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2. In addition to designation of a manager for NIE 11-3/8-82, I would like to solicit DIA support for drafting responsibilities for the NIE chapters. As was the case for the NIE just completed, we would like to have two drafters, with equitable agency representation, for each of the four chapters: Strategic Forces and Programs (offensive and defensive, deployed and under development), Strategic Nuclear Force Operations (to emphasize command, control, and communications), Trends in Future Force Developments (with 10-year projections), and Trends in Soviet Strategic Capabilities (assessments of Soviet abilities to fulfill their strategic missions). We have yet to decide how drafting responsibilities will be allocated; that is, whether we will have "co-authors" as for NIE 11-3/8-81, or a principal chapter drafter and an assistant. In any case it would be very desirable if DIA could nominate one analyst, with requisite expertise, for each of these chapters.

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3. I appreciate continued DIA support for this important interagency undertaking.


H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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